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Dear Doug:

In my capacity as a Solid Waste Specialist with the U. S. EPA's Region III Office in Philadelphia, I have been read about and become aware of and support the work you have done in backyard composting pilot projects.

I know that there is a need for additional backyard composting education and pilot projects in Maryland and throughout the US and am sending this letter to support your efforts to secure funds to get more of these pilot efforts done. I know that it's difficult to get people started composting their organic waste in their yards by just giving them education and believe and have seen that selling them discount composter bins, along with education, is a very effective way to get them started.

EPA has always supported the most efficient methods to increase recycling and composting and I believe that your backyard pilots, using funding from several sources, including the community you're working in, is the best way to go and wish you luck in getting these pilots funded and accomplished and diverting more organic waste from landfilling to the creation and use of beneficial compost..

Sincerely,

*Mike Giuranna*

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Solid Waste Specialist

